Recruitment of Drivers and Conductors in DTC from Kerala

1417. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister cf SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and the percentage of drivers and conductors from Kerala, working in DTC; and

(b) whether there are any norms for giving representation to each State in their recruitments in DTC; if so, whether these are being followed strictly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC does not maintain information on domiciliary status of employees after they have recruited them through requisitions placed on local employment exchange / Director General Resettlement / Open advertisement. 'In 1986, a team of official of the Corporation had visited Kerala to interview candidates for the post of drivers and out of qualified candidates, 24 have joined the Corporation.

Superfast trains between New Delhi and Trivandrum

1418. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new superfast train between New Delhi and Trivandrum, besides the Kerala Express;

(b) whether the present running time of Kerala Express can be reduced, and

(c) whether Government also propose to separate the Mangala Express from Kerala, Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not for the present.

(c) No, Sir.

Delaying and cancellation of Air India flights to Gulf countries

1419. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times when Air India flights from Trivandrum to Gulf countries were cancelled/delayed in January and February, 1989; and

(b) what is the number of Air India flights from Bombay to Gulf countries cancelled during January and February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) None of the Air India flights from Trivandrum to Gulf countries were cancelled during the months of January/ February, 1989. Upto 23rd February, 1989, 26 flights were delayed.

(b) Only one flight operating on the Bombay-Gulf Sector was cancelled during the period January/February, 1989 from Bombay.

Introduction of Integrated Child Development Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

1420. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of blocks, district-wise, in Andhra Pradesh where Integrated Child Development Scheme has been introduced.

(b) what is the number of Centres, out of them, which are functioning in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Colonies/villages; and